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Fran Flory

Head Coach • Eighth Season at LSU

Entering her eighth year at the helm of the Tigers, head coach Fran Flory continues to raise the level of success of the LSU volleyball program and break down barriers that plagued the Tigers in the previous decade.

In her seventh season at the helm of the LSU program, Flory earned her 100th victory as a Tiger in 2004 with a sweep of Louisiana Tech. She also passed former head coach Gerry Owens to become the third winningest head coach in LSU history, needing just 21 wins to move into second place in school history.

Last season, Flory led the Tigers to a third place finish in the Southeastern Conference Western Division, marking the seventh consecutive season LSU finished at least third in the West, including every year in her tenure. She also matched the most overall wins in a season since she has been head coach with 17, including three wins over teams in the NCAA Tournament field.

In addition, junior Ivana Kuzmic was named the Louisiana Sports Writer's Association Louisiana Newcomer of the Year, while she and senior Regan Hood earned first-team All-Louisiana honors. Flory has now guided players to 16 All-Louisiana honors, including nine first-team selections, and every individual award, including player of the year, freshman of the year and newcomer of the year.

Flory's success, however, has not been solely on the court. LSU has had the second-most players named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll of any school in the league during her tenure. In four of the past seven seasons, the Tigers have led the conference.

The LSU volleyball program has also been recognized nationally for its academic success, picking up an American Volleyball Coaches Association Academic Award in three of the last six years.

In 2003, Flory guided a youthful Tiger team, one with eight freshmen and no seniors, to a third place finish in the SEC West. In addition, Regan Hood earned All-SEC honors under her tutelage, being named to the second team as a junior. Lauren Leumont was also an All-Freshman selection in the team's inaugural year.

For the first time since she became head coach at LSU, Flory's Tigers defeated South Carolina in Columbia, S.C., on Oct. 19, 2003, knocking off the Gamecocks, 3-1. The win was the first win for LSU in Columbia since 1995.

In 2002, Flory's Tiger team recorded the most wins by any LSU team since posting 17 victories during the 1999 season. The Tigers also picked up back-to-back winning SEC records for the first time since 1992-93. With that came back-to-back runner-up finishes in the SEC Western Division.

LSU became the first team in 19 regular-season SEC matches to take a game from nationally ranked Florida, winning game one. Prior to the game one loss, the Gators last lost a game on Sept. 21, 2001, when they fell behind 2-0 in an eventual 3-2 win over South Carolina in Columbia, S.C. Florida had not lost a regular-season SEC game at home since dropping the third game to the Gamecocks in a 3-1 win on Oct. 8, 2000, a string of 12 consecutive matches.

In 2001, the Tigers recorded the third most conference wins in season history and picked up their first winning conference season since 1995, finishing second in the SEC Western

THE FLORY FILE

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD	POSTSEASON
1986	Wittenberg	Head Coach	11-21	-
1987	Texas A&M	Assistant	15-22	-
1988	LSU	Grad. Asst.	22-13	-
1989	LSU	Assistant	30-8	NCAA Sweet 16
1990	LSU	Assistant	34-7	NCAA Final Four
1991	LSU	Assistant	35-2	NCAA Final Four
1992	Southeastern La.	Head Coach	21-13	-
1993	Kentucky	Head Coach	29-4	NCAA Second Round
1994	Kentucky	Head Coach	13-21	-
1995	Kentucky	Head Coach	10-18	-
1996	Kentucky	Head Coach	12-20	-
1997	Kentucky	Head Coach	14-17	-
1998	LSU	Head Coach	15-16	-
1999	LSU	Head Coach	17-15	-
2000	LSU	Head Coach	15-17	-
2001	LSU	Head Coach	16-11	-
2002	LSU	Head Coach	17-11	-
2003	LSU	Head Coach	11-19	-
2004	LSU	Head Coach	17-12	-

OVERALL HEAD COACHING RECORD: 218-215 (14 years)

RECORD AT LSU: 108-101 (Seven years)

COACHING HONORS

1993	AVCA/Tachikara Region IV Coach of the Year
2001	Louisiana Coach of the Year

PLAYING HISTORY

1980-83	Texas	Outside Hitter
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PLAYING HONORS

1981	Member of AIAW National Championship Team
1982	Second-Team All-Southwest Conference
1983	NCAA Tournament All-South Region Team

Division. LSU owned the best intra-division record among Western Division teams at 9-1 while finishing fourth overall in the conference.

Flory guided her 2000 squad to the SEC Tournament Championship match against perennial-powerhouse Florida. Despite the loss in the final, LSU had made a breakthrough as it had not been to the championship match since 1992 and had not won a tournament match since 1993.

Flory's 2000 team also became the first LSU team to beat Arkansas when it did so in three games on the LadyBacks' home floor. She led the Tigers to their first win at Auburn in 10 years en route to a third place finish in the SEC Western Division.

She made an immediate impact at LSU in 1998 as she led the Tigers to a 15-16 record, six games better than the 9-21 mark the team had the year before. More impressive was the five-match improvement in SEC play. After a winless 1997 in conference action under the former head coach, LSU notched five conference victories in 1998 to finish third in the West.

In 1999, Flory led her injury-riddled squad to a 17-15 overall record, the best for an LSU team since the Tigers won 20 matches in 1995. Of the 17 wins, seven came in conference play, also a Tiger best since the 1995 season.

This is Flory's second stint at LSU as the Baton Rouge native was an assistant for four years under LSU's winningest coach, Scott Luster. She served as a graduate assistant coach in 1988, before being named a full-time assistant in 1989. During her four seasons as a member of the Tiger coaching staff, Flory helped LSU to unprecedented success with three SEC championships, three SEC Tournament championships and two Final Four appearances.

After winning the first of the three consecutive conference championships in 1989, Flory and the Tigers became the first school in SEC history to advance to the NCAA Final Four in 1990. The Tigers would duplicate the Final Four feat in 1991, while earning conference titles in both seasons. The 1991 team was the only SEC team to win a game in the Final Four until Florida in 2002.

In 1992, Flory left LSU to assume the head coaching duties at Southeastern Louisiana. In her first season as a Division I head coach, she led the Lions to a 21-13 record. In March 1993, Flory returned to the SEC as she became an assistant coach at Kentucky. Five months later, she was named the Wildcats head coach as then-Kentucky coach Kathy DeBoer was named an Associate Athletic Director at the school.

In her first season at Kentucky, Flory led the Wildcats to a 29-4 record, while advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. For her efforts in the 1993 season, she was named the Tachikara/AVCA Region IV Coach of the Year.

A 1984 graduate of Texas, Flory has also experienced much success as a player. In 1981, she was a member of Texas' AIAW National Championship squad. She received All-Southwest Conference and All-South Region honors during three seasons with the Longhorns.

Following her playing career, Flory was named the head coach at Wittenberg University, where she coached for one season before being named an assistant at Texas A&M for the 1987 season.

A member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association, Flory has also assisted in coordinating both the Louisiana Senior Olympic Games and the Special Olympics, and hosting the Senior Olympic Games in 2001. She is also a member of the United States Volleyball Association coaching accreditation program.

She is married to Ken Flory. The two have a daughter, Lindsay (8), and a son, Nicholas (6).



FLORY ALL-TIME VS. OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	AT LSU	OVERALL	OPPONENT	AT LSU	OVERALL
Alabama	8-8	13-9	Morehead State	-	4-0
Alcorn State	1-0	3-0	Mount Union	-	1-1
Arkansas	3-12	7-13	Mount Vernon	-	1-0
Arkansas State	0-1	0-1	Muskingum	-	0-2
Auburn	9-4	12-7	Nebraska	0-1	0-2
Baldwin-Wallace	-	0-2	New Orleans	11-0	11-1
Ball State	-	0-1	Nicholls State	-	0-1
Baylor	0-1	0-1	North Carolina	0-1	0-2
Bowling Green	0-1	0-1	UNC-Charlotte	1-0	1-0
Brown	1-0	1-0	North Texas	1-0	1-0
Butler	-	2-1	Northwestern	0-1	0-1
Cal State-Sacramento	-	1-0	Northwestern State	-	1-1
Capital	-	1-2	Notre Dame	0-1	1-4
Cedarville	-	0-2	Oberlin	-	0-1
Centenary	3-0	6-0	Ohio	-	1-0
Central Florida	4-0	4-1	Ohio Northern	-	0-2
Cincinnati	-	1-0	Ohio State	-	0-2
Clemson	-	1-0	Ohio Wesleyan	-	1-1
College of Charleston	-	1-0	Oklahoma	1-0	1-0
Colorado	-	1-1	Ole Miss	10-4	14-7
Colorado State	0-2	0-2	Oral Roberts	0-1	0-1
Duke	-	0-2	Oregon State	-	0-1
Earlham	-	1-0	Otterbein	-	3-0
Eastern Illinois	-	1-0	Pacific	-	0-1
Eastern Kentucky	-	2-0	Penn State	-	0-1
Florida	0-10	0-20	Pepperdine	-	1-0
Florida A&M	0-1	0-1	Purdue	-	0-2
Florida State	0-1	0-1	Rice	2-1	2-1
George Mason	-	0-1	Samford	-	1-0
Georgetown	0-1	0-1	San Jose State	0-1	0-1
Georgia	4-6	7-15	Santa Clara	0-1	0-1
Georgia State	-	2-1	Sinclair	-	2-0
Georgia Tech	0-1	1-3	South Alabama	1-0	4-0
Grambling	-	2-0	South Carolina	1-6	5-12
Hawai'i	0-1	0-1	South Florida	0-1	0-1
Heidelberg	-	0-2	Southeastern La.	1-0	1-0
Houston	0-3	1-6	Southern	-	1-1
Idaho State	0-1	0-1	Southern Miss	2-0	2-2
Indiana	-	2-2	SMU	1-1	1-1
Iowa	-	0-2	Stanford	0-1	0-1
James Madison	-	1-0	Stephen F. Austin	1-0	1-0
Kansas State	0-1	0-1	Stetson	-	1-1
Kentucky	4-5	4-5	Temple	0-1	0-1
Liberty	1-0	1-0	Tennessee	3-5	11-7
Long Beach State	-	0-1	Tennessee Tech	-	1-0
UL-Lafayette	4-0	5-0	Texas	-	1-3
UL-Monroe	1-0	1-0	Texas A&M	0-2	0-2
Louisiana Tech	3-0	3-0	Texas-Pan American	-	1-0
Louisville	-	2-8	Texas-San Antonio	1-0	1-0
Loyola (Ill.)	0-1	0-1	Texas Southern	-	1-0
LSU	-	7-0	Texas Tech	0-1	1-1
Marian	-	0-1	Tulane	8-2	8-4
Marietta	-	0-2	UAB	1-0	1-0
Marshall	-	1-0	UCLA	-	0-1
McNeese State	-	0-2	USC	-	0-1
Mercer	-	1-0	UTEP	1-0	1-0
Miami (Fla.)	1-0	1-0	Virginia	0-1	0-1
Miami (Ohio)	-	1-1	Virginia Tech	1-0	1-0
Michigan	0-1	0-1	West Virginia	1-0	1-0
Michigan State	-	0-2	Western Kentucky	-	4-0
Middle Tennessee St.	-	1-0	Wilmington	-	0-2
Minnesota	-	0-1	Wisconsin	0-1	0-1
Mississippi State	11-3	16-4	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1-0	1-0
Montana	-	2-0	Wooster	-	1-1

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Craig Bere

Assistant Coach • Second Season at LSU



THE BERE FILE

NAME Craig Bere
WIFE Shannon
BIRTHDATE July 13, 1972
HOMETOWN Louisville, Ky.
ALMA MATER Morehead State

- Bachelor of Arts in Health (1995)
- Master of Arts in Health, Physical Education and Recreation (1997)

COLLEGE COACHING EXPERIENCE

LSU Assistant Coach (2004-present)
 Southern Indiana Head Coach (2002-2004)
 Mississippi State Assistant Coach (1997-2002)
 Morehead State Assistant Coach (1994-1996)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Morehead State volleyball club team (Four years)
 Morehead State football team (1990-1992)



Craig Bere returns for his second season on the LSU volleyball staff. He is involved in practice planning, recruiting and game strategy. On the court, he handles the Tiger setters.

The head coach at the University of Southern Indiana from 2002-03, Bere led the Screaming Eagles to one Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament title and to within three points of a second consecutive championship and bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

He guided setter Kim Boehmer to honorable mention All-America honors, the first player in USI history to earn the honor, after she was named to the 2002 and 2003 All-GLVC first team. Kristi Kavanaugh was also named a CoSIDA first-team Academic All-American under his helm.

In 2002, Bere led the Screaming Eagles to their first bid in the NCAA Division II Tournament and first tournament win after winning the GLVC Tournament crown. Despite just two seasons at Southern Indiana, he was the third winningest head coach in the program's 24-year history, posting a 47-17 (.734) record.

Prior to taking the job at USI, Bere was an assistant coach at Mississippi State from 1997-2002, where he coached along side current Tiger assistant John Blackwell. He served as the coordinator of the Bulldog defense and worked closely with MSU's outside hitters on the court. Bere coordinated MSU's recruiting efforts and handled additional administrative duties off the court.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Bere was a standout four-sport letterman at Doss High School, competing in football, basketball, baseball, and soccer.

He attended Morehead State University, where he was a three-year letterwinner on the Eagle football team and became a member of the men's volleyball club team, leading to his career as a volleyball coach.

He joined Morehead's varsity women's volleyball coaching staff in 1993 as a student assistant. He was appointed to a full-time assistant coach's position in 1994, first as an undergraduate and then as a graduate student.

While Bere was on the Morehead State staff, the Eagles claimed regular season Ohio Valley Conference runner-up honors, captured the OVC Tournament title, and advanced to the 1993 National Invitational Volleyball Classic. In 1995 Morehead State marched to the finals of the OVC Tournament, taking runner-up honors.

A member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association, Bere has served as a camp instructor in summer volleyball camps in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Michigan.

He earned a bachelor's degree in health in 1995 from Morehead State before receiving his master's degree in health, physical education, and recreation in 1997. He is married to his wife, Shannon, who also works at LSU.



John Blackwell begins his first season with the Tiger volleyball program after spending one season at Rice University. He is involved in practice planning, recruiting and game strategy. On the court, he handles the middle blockers and defense.

Last season as an assistant at Rice, he helped the Owls advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history and post a 25-5 record overall, including a 12-1 record in Western Athletic Conference play, the best overall and conference records in school history.

A school-record six players were named to the All-WAC teams, the most of any school in the league, including four on the first team. Additionally, one player earned All-WAC Tournament team honors and one was named to the AVCA All-West Region squad.

In the classroom, the Owls placed one player on the Academic All-America first team and four on the Academic All-District teams.

Prior to his stay at Rice, Blackwell was an assistant coach at Mississippi State, along with current Tiger assistant Craig Bere. In his four years with the Bulldogs, he oversaw MSU's middle blockers and served as the team's recruiting coordinator. In 2004, his recruiting class was ranked in the top 50 nationally by PrepVolleyball.com. In each of his four seasons, the middle blockers led the team in hitting percentage.

Additionally, Blackwell oversaw the Bulldogs in the classroom as the volleyball contact for the athletic academic office. In his tenure, Mississippi State earned the AVCA/Molten academic team award in 2000 and 2001.

From 1996-1999, he was the head coach at NAIA Division I Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss. Under his leadership, the team improved from a 1-29 record in 1996 to a 21-15 mark in 1999 while finishing as the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference runner-up. Ranked fifth in their region his final season, he had five players named to the All-GCAC teams while the program set school records in wins, kills, assists, aces and digs.

Equally as successful in the classroom as on the court, Blackwell's Belhaven teams earned the AVCA team academic award each year and two players were named to the NAIA Academic All-America team.

While working at Belhaven, he was active in the development of club volleyball in Mississippi as the club director and head coach for the Jackson Volleyball Club, founding the first girls volleyball club in the Jackson area in 1996. Helping the club double in size in three years, he also worked at numerous collegiate camps across the southeast.

A 1992 graduate of Millsaps College with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting, Blackwell began his coaching career as an assistant coach at his alma mater in 1992, where he coached the Majors for three seasons.

A three-year basketball standout at John Curtis High School, the New Orleans native is married to the former Jackie Batte. The couple has two sons, Taylor (12) and Carter (8).

John Blackwell

Assistant Coach • First Season at LSU



THE BLACKWELL FILE

NAME	John Blackwell
WIFE	Jackie
CHILDREN	Taylor (12), Carter (8)
BIRTHDATE	November 11, 1970
HOMETOWN	New Orleans, La.
ALMA MATER	Millsaps College
	• Bachelor of Business Admin. in Accounting (1992)

COLLEGE COACHING EXPERIENCE

LSU Assistant Coach (2005-present)
 Rice Assistant Coach (2004-2005)
 Mississippi State Assistant Coach (2000-2003)
 Belhaven College Head Coach (1996-1999)
 Millsaps Assistant Coach (1992-1994)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Jackson Volleyball Club (1992-1995)

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MELISSA REYNAUD

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Melissa Reynaud enters her fifth year on the LSU Sports Information staff as Associate SID and is in her fourth season as the primary contact for the women's volleyball program.

Additionally, she is entering her fifth year in charge of the softball program, while overseeing the student SIDs in charge of men's and women's tennis.

In 2004, her softball media guide was judged best in the district and ranked third nationally, while her volleyball guide was ranked second in the district and seventh nationally. Her 2005 softball media guide earned first place honors in the district and was judged second in the nation.

Reynaud, 29, is a Marksville, La., native and a 1997 graduate of LSU in mass communications. Prior to coming to LSU, Reynaud was the assistant SID at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. At NSU, she was the primary media contact for the women's basketball, soccer and softball teams and assisted with the other 11 sports including the NCAA Tournament men's basketball team and nationally ranked Division I-AA football team.

From 1999-00, Reynaud worked as an intern at Ole Miss. In Oxford, she worked primarily with the volleyball and men's and women's track and field programs while assisting with football and both basketball teams.

Reynaud began her career at Northwestern State where she was a graduate assistant for two years while earning a master's degree in sports administration in the fall of 1999.



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